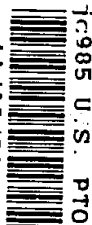


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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Docket No: 30051/37789

**PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): Rudi Geiger

Title: DRINKS MACHINE

**1. Type of Application**

- ☒ This is a new application for a
- ☒ utility patent.
- ☐ design patent.
- ☐ This is a continuation-in-part application of prior application no.

**2. Application Papers Enclosed**

- 1 Title Page
- 7 Pages of Specification (excluding Claims, Abstract, Drawings & Sequence Listing)
- 3 Page(s) of Claims
- 1 Page(s) of Abstract
- 2 Sheet(s) of Drawings (Figs. 1 to 3)
- ☐ Formal
- ☒ Informal
- Page(s) of Sequence Listing

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10**

I hereby certify that this Patent Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed therewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on November 20, 2001, in an envelope addressed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 2327, Arlington, VA 22202 utilizing the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service of the United States Postal Service under Mailing Label No. EL564464606US

  
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3. Declaration or Oath

- ☒ Enclosed (In Blank)
  - ☐ Executed by (check all applicable boxes)
    - ☐ Inventor(s)
    - ☐ Legal representative of inventor(s)  
(37 CFR 1.42 or 1.43)
    - ☐ Joint inventor or person showing a proprietary interest on behalf of inventor who refused to sign or cannot be reached
      - ☐ The petition required by 37 CFR 1.47 and the statement required by 37 CFR 1.47 are enclosed. See Item 5D below for fee.
- ☐ Not enclosed - the undersigned attorney or agent is authorized to file this application on behalf of the applicant(s). An executed declaration will follow.

4. Small Entity Status

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ A small entity statement is(are) attached.

5. Additional Papers Enclosed

- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit
- ☐ Computer readable copy of sequence listing containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence
- ☐ Microfiche computer program
- ☐ Associate Power of Attorney
- ☐ Verified translation of a non-English patent application
- ☐ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)
- ☒ Return receipt postcard
- ☒ Other: General Authorization; Claim to Priority

**6. Priority Applications Under 35 USC 119**

Certified copies of applications from which priority under 35 USC 119 is claimed are listed below and

- ☐ are attached.  
☒ will follow.

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	FILED
Germany	100 59 183.3	November 29, 2000

**7. Filing Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16)**

**A. ☒ Utility Application**

CLAIMS AS FILED - INCLUDING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT (IF ANY)						
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**B.** ☐ **Design Application (\$165.00/\$330.00)** Filing Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**C.** ☐ **Plant Application (\$255.00/\$510.00)** Filing Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Other Fees**

- ☐ Recording Assignment [Fee -- \$40.00 per assignment] \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Petition fee for filing by other than all the inventors or person on behalf of the inventor where inventor refused to sign or cannot be reached [Fee -- \$130.00] \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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- ☒ Enclosed check in the amount of: \$740.00
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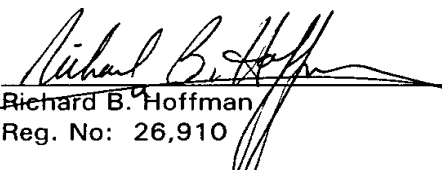
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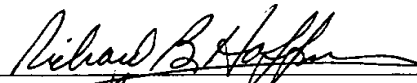
Sir:

Applicant hereby requests and authorizes that any future reply concerning this patent application requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for its timely submission be treated as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

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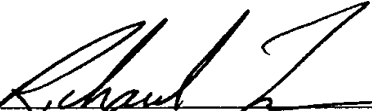
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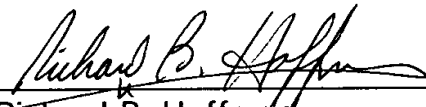
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Applicant hereby claims the benefit of the filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of German Patent Application No. 100 59 183.3, filed November 29, 2000. A certified copy will be later filed.

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